



Isiah Leggett, County Executive
Timothy Firestone, Chief Administrator Officer

Catherine Matthews, Director
Arthur Edmunds, UCAB Chair

December 1, 2017

Cancelled

**UCAB Land Use Committee Meeting
Monday, December 4 7:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

County Executive's Annual Arts Ball
Sunday, December 3

The 2017 Montgomery County Executive's Ball: "And the Beat Goes On!" will be held on Sunday, December 3, at the Bethesda North Marriott Conference Center at 5701 Marinelli Road in North Bethesda.

This is the 32nd Annual Executive's Ball, and we hope you will help celebrate the vibrancy of our cultural community. The proceeds go to supporting the arts in Montgomery County. This is also the 12th and last Ball being hosted by County Executive Isiah Leggett and County First Lady Catherine Leggett.

Tickets can be purchased here.

Leggett presents Executive's Awards for Excellence in the Arts and Humanities

Recently, County Executive Ike Leggett and Ms. Leggett recognized eight people and groups in the 16th Annual County Executive's Awards for Excellence in the Arts and Humanities event. Mr. Leggett and his wife, Catherine Leggett, presented community leaders with the awards during a ceremony at the Round House Theater in Bethesda. The Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, which hosted the event, posted information about each winner on its [website](#). The honorees included the Volunteer Award which went to Elli Swink of Damascus Theatre Company, a nonprofit that offers live performing arts (fifth from the right in the photo).

Congratulations to all!



Germantown Library presents
A Three-Part Series: “Chronic Health Disease Management: Diabetes”
begins Tuesday, December 5 6:00pm
Germantown Library
19840 Century Blvd., Germantown

The presenter will provide education and training for individuals with pre-diabetes (strong family history of diabetes with elevated blood sugars) and/or type 2 diabetes to assist class participants in developing their own management plan. Participants will gain a better understanding of diabetes, risk factors for developing diabetes, measuring blood sugar at home, and preventing, detecting and managing diabetes complications. Blood pressure, BMI and glucose screening will be available. This three-part series program will cover the following topics:

Dec 5: Diabetes and You and Self-Management

Dec 12: Know your Diabetes Medications and Connection between Diabetes and High Blood Pressure

Dec 19: Understanding the complications of Diabetes, Healthy Eating and Nutrition, and Goal Setting.

Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 240-777-3806 or email aaahp@mcfarlandassociate.com.

This program is co-sponsored by the African American Health Program, which is funded by the Montgomery County Health and Human Services and implemented by McFarland & Associates, Inc.

Leggett to Hold Five FY19 Operating Budget Forums
7:00pm-8:30pm
(locations listed below)

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett is holding the first of five budget forums in the second week in January to seek input from residents about the Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) [Operating Budget](#) priorities. See [press release](#) for more information. The schedule of forums is as follows:

- [January 8, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center](#)
- [January 24, Mid-County Community Recreation Center](#)
- [January 29, BlackRock Center for the Arts](#) (in Upcounty region)
- [January 30, Silver Spring Civic Building](#)
- [January 31, Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center](#)

Matching Mini-Grants Now Available for Neighborhood Projects or Events

Sometimes all that is keeping a wonderful neighborhood event from materializing is a relatively small amount of resources... Well, now there is a local source for that!

The Neighborhood Events Matching Fund was established by Montgomery County to encourage capacity building, neighborhood beautification, networking, and to stimulate the local economy. The maximum grant amount is \$1,000. Funds must be matched, and the event must take place this fiscal year – between now and June 30, 2018.

Applying is easy. [Download the PDF](#) application form, complete it, and submit it to your Regional Director. Regional Directors are listed on the application form.

There is no deadline for application, but funding is limited. So, regardless of whether your project or event is next month or months away, apply now!

See the [application](#) for more details and instructions.



Community Action Agency Seeks Volunteers

Would you like to connect members of your community with free tax preparation? The Community Action Agency is seeking volunteers for five Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) locations throughout Montgomery County. With free training and online certifications, you can learn how to prepare tax returns. VITA volunteers also serve as greeters, interpreters, and food resource navigators. To learn more about this volunteer opportunity, please call Erica at 240-777-1123 or email VITA@montgomerycountymd.gov. For more information about the county's VITA Program, please click [HERE](#).

Gift Outside the Box!

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett, [Department of Environmental Protection's \(DEP\)](#) Acting Director Patty Bubar, Executive Vice President of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Barbara Ashe and Director of Montgomery Parks Michael F. Riley have launched the County's "[Gift Outside the Box](#)" holiday campaign. This DEP public awareness campaign aims to help residents make sustainable choices to reduce waste, support local businesses and encourage volunteerism during the holiday season. See the [Press Release](#)



Have you spotted the
Gift Outside the Box campaign around town?
Discover what it's all about!

The County's Human Rights and Mediation Center and Conference Room Renamed to Honor the late Sue Shoenberg

http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21635

BlackRock Center Kicks Off 15th Anniversary!

Saturday, December 2 7:00pm

BlackRock Center for the Arts

12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown



This special evening begins with scrumptious hors d'oeuvres in the beautiful lobby followed by a featured performance by the Hot Sardines. All will raise a flute of champagne to mark this major milestone, and will also mingle with the members of The Hot Sardines, BlackRock's talented team, your new Executive Director, Alyona Ushe, and the members of the Board of Trustees.

For details, go to

<http://www.blackrockcenter.org/events/event/15th-anniversary-celebration-with-the-hot-sardines/>

Register Now for the 100 Mile Challenge!

Kickoff is January 20

Challenge runs January 24 to May 4

The Montgomery County Department of Recreation is ready to help jumpstart your 2018 fitness resolutions. The 100 Mile Challenge is back for its third year, and registration is now underway.

This popular program encourages residents – and their dogs – to log 100 miles of physical activity in 100 days. For this challenge, you can walk, run, or bike one mile a day or engage in 20 minutes of continuous physical activity. It all counts as you move to a fitter you. The 100 Mile Challenge is part of the Move More Montgomery Initiative, which is designed to encourage Montgomery County residents to get moving to enhance their health and wellness. The Department of Recreation is partnering with the City of Gaithersburg and Montgomery Parks on the program.

The 100 Mile Challenge runs from January 24 - May 4, 2018. The kickoff event is scheduled for Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 2 - 4 p.m. in the cafeteria at the Executive Office Building, which is located at 101 Monroe Street in Rockville. Participants who complete the challenge and prize winners will be recognized at the Move More Montgomery Festival on May 12, 2018.

In 2017, over 1,100 participants and 60 dogs registered for the challenge, logging over 160,000 miles, with many participants logging more than 100 miles over the course of the challenge.

For more information, visit the 100 Mile Challenge [website](#) or email rec.wellness&fitness@montgomerycountymd.gov.



*Now that the temperatures are dropping, see this message
from our Fire & Rescue Service . . .*

COOL YOUR ASHES!

Every year **“cold ashes”** result in house fires.

FACT: Many people don't realize the length of time required for ashes to cool enough for disposal. Coals and ashes from fires can remain hot enough to reignite and start a fire for many days after the fire is out. The exact amount of time for complete extinguishment and cooling depends on many factors such as how hot the fire was, what was burning, how much unburned fuel remains, etc.

BE SAFE: Treat ALL ashes and coals as HOT ashes, even when you think they had time enough to cool. Take care to dispose of them wisely. Your house, deck or garage are unsafe locations for storing ashes while they cool and have been the site of many recent and devastating fires both locally and nationally. Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep it outside and at least 10 feet from your home or nearby buildings.

**Montgomery County Fire Officials
Recommend These Top 5 Safety Tips:**

DO NOT remove hot ashes from a fireplace immediately. When possible, allow ashes and coals to cool in the area where you had the fire for several days. These devices are designed to contain their heat safely.

When it's time to dispose of the ashes, transfer them to a metal container and wet them down. Only use an approved metal ash bucket that has a tight fitting metal lid to safely store cooled ashes. **NEVER** dispose of ashes in a paper or plastic bag, cardboard box, plastic container or bucket because it can easily ignite and **DO NOT** place any other combustibles in the metal container.

Store the container **OUTSIDE**, away from your house and other structures including garages, decks, porches, fences, wood piles or other combustible materials.

DO NOT dispose of ashes outside on a windy day. The wind can whip up what may have seemed like cool embers, making them fiery hot and sending them airborne which could ignite nearby combustibles.

NEVER use a vacuum cleaner to pick up ashes.

Call 311 for a FREE Home Safety Check



SCOTT E. GOLDSTEIN
Montgomery County Fire Chief
www.mcfrs.org/mcsafe

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For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>